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A molded plastic bowl-shaped container having a bulging sidewall. The bowl structure includes an upper rim, a bottom and a sidewall that extends between the upper rim and the bottom. The sidewall extends radially outwardly before extending radially inwardly as the sidewall extends downward between the upper rim and the bottom to provide a bulging sidewall configuration. The container may also include a plurality of feet unitarily formed with the container. Further, a method of making such a container, a method of hot-filling such a container and a method of retorting material enclosed in such a container are disclosed.